

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Original) A method for making a prosthetic heart valve, comprising:

providing a section of substantially flat, flexible material;

cutting at least two leaflets out of the flat material, each of the leaflets having an inner face, an outer face, an in-flow end, an out-flow end, and side edges;

sewing the side edges of adjacent leaflets together so as to form a substantially tubular valve structure having an in-flow end and an out-flow end; and

configuring each leaflet so that a portion of the inner face of each leaflet is in a facing relationship with a portion of the inner face of an adjacent leaflet.

Claim 8 (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein a portion of the inner face of each leaflet is in facing relationship with a portion of the inner face of another leaflet at the out-flow end of the valve so that the adjacent leaflets are partially closed.

Claim 9 (Original) The method of Claim 7 additionally comprising installing a suture stitch through each leaflet to hold a portion of the inner face of the leaflet in a facing relationship with a portion of the inner face of an adjacent leaflet.